



VP bungalow: 'It's 3.5m not \$13.9m' -Asiedu Nketia challenges Bawumia

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National Democratic Congress (NDC) General Secretary Johnson Asiedu Nketia has presented a document to dispute New Patriotic Party (NPP) government claims that the cost of a bungalow for the Vice-President is \$13.9million.

According to the two-page document, the contract sum of the bungalow is 3.56m. It did not indicate on the face of the document whether the currency is in cedis or dollars.

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INTERIM/FINAL PAYMENT CERTIFICATE NO 1 DATE 19TH JULY, 2013

CONTRACT: CONSTRUCTION OF OFFICIAL RESIDENCE OF THE VEEP

CONTRACTOR: MESSRS CONSTAR LIMITED

CONTRACTOR'S ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 1965, KUMASI

CONTRACT NO. _____

CONTRACT SUM: (PROVISIONAL) 3,563,884.50

DITTO LESS CONTINGENCIES: 3,563,884 50

ESTIMATED COST OF V.O.s TO DATE:

V.O. NO.	OMISSIONS	V.O. NO.	Additions	Less Estimated Omissions
Est. Omission				3,563,884 50
Estimated Omissions		Estimated		Plus Estimated Additions
				Estimated Total Cost of Work 3,563,884 50

ITEM

1. Work completed to date ... **myjoyonline.com**

2. Materials on Site ...

3. Total Value of Works ...

4. Less retention (10% of max. retention or 5% insert as applicable) ...

Note: At practical completion 5% or 10% maximum retention ONLY is to be deducted.

5. LESS/PLUS NET AMOUNT OF Fluctuation from APPENDIX 'A' Overleaf ...

6. Total Net Payments in respect of the Works ...

7. PLUS Total Capital Loan for Plants, etc. (if any) authorized since the Mobilization Advance commencement of the Contract. 1,000,000 00

8. LESS Total deductions (if any) as shown at APPENDIX "B" overleaf (inclusive of all deductions made as from the commencement of the Contract) 1,000,000 00

9. TOTAL NET AMOUNT PAYABLE TO THE CONTRACTOR 1,000,000 00

10. LESS Ditto from previous Certificate ...

11. AMOUNT NOW PAYABLE TO THE CONTRACTOR 1,000,000 00

TO BE COMPLETED FOR THE USE OF ACCOUNTS BRANCH

RETENTION FUND DETAILS

12. Total from (4) above ...

13. LESS Retention from (4) on last Certificate ...

14. ADDITIONAL RETENTION NOW HELD ... or if (13) exceeds (12) ...

15. RETENTION NOW RELEASED ...

DETAILS OF GROSS CERTIFIED VALUE

16. Total value of works from items (3) above ...

17. Less ditto from item (3) on last Certificate ...

GROSS VALUE OF THIS CERTIFICATE

DISTRIBUTION:

1. Contractor

2. Local File

3. Head Office File

4. Accounting making payment (3 or 4 copies as required)

5. Spare (to be altered and used as a draft for the next Certificate).

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT GH¢1,000,000.00 as item (11) above is now to be paid to the Contractor Messrs Constar Limited P.O. Box 1965, Kumasi on account/on full and final settlement for work executed and materials supplied in respect of the above Contract. Payment is to be made within the period stated in the appendix to the schedule of conditions

Signature: _____

19/7/2013

Designation: MANAGING DIRECTOR (SURV. LOUIS SATCHMO-A. ATONGO)

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The controversy over the cost of the bungalow was triggered by Vice-President Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia who publicly expressed shock at the \$13.9 million cost of the yet-to-be-completed bungalow.

But the NDC challenged the figure quoted by Dr. Bawumia and accused him of playing politics with the matter.

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A former Presidential staffer Clement Apaak under the NDC government in a rebuttal claimed the true cost of the project is \$5.9million and not any where close to the \$13.9 million figure put out by the vice president.

In the face of the allegation and the counter-allegation, the NPP Communications Director Nana Akomea last Saturday on Newsfile, presented a report from the Architectural and Engineering Services Limited (AESL) containing what he said were exhaustive details on the construction of the bungalow. In the document was the cost of the project which was put at \$13.9m.

DESCRIPTION		CONTRACT AMOUNT (\$)	ACTUAL AMOUNT (\$)
B/F		11,831,933.53	11,543,855.75
EXTERNAL WORKS			1,000,000.00
VARIATIONS			
a. Variations Ordered to date			778,001.25
b. External Electrification Works			77,371.76
c. Sculpture and Emblems			25,566.54
d. Stone facing works			55,300.00
e. Hardwood Panel Doors			88,157.36
f. Other anticipated variations			400,000.00
SUB-TOTAL 1		11,831,933.53	13,968,252.66
ADD: Contingencies (10%)		1,183,193.35	
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF WORKS		13,015,126.88	13,968,252.66
LESS: AMOUNT CERTIFIED FOR PAYMENT			8,179,138.95
VALUE OF OUTSTANDING WORKS			5,789,113.71

But the credibility of the document was challenged by MP for Bolga Central Isaac Adongo who was also on the Newsfile program.

Checks by Samson Ayenini, Lawyer and host of Newsfile program, from officials of AESL indicate the document presented by Akomea is authentic.

"There is no doubt about it", he stressed on Joy FM's Super Morning Show Monday. He was however quick to add that there is another document from AESL which was produced as a result of concerns about the cost of the project.

He explained the initial \$13.9 million cost estimated by AESL angered some top officials of the erstwhile government who wrote back to AESL to demand a reduction in the cost of the project.

But the former presidential staffer Adu-Asare was not impressed with the details in the Akomea document and the explanation by Smason Anyenini. He challenged the figure in the document and suggested that if the document by Akomea is not signed, it cannot be authentic.

He however did not mention the true cost of the project except to challenge the Works and Housing Minister to put the full details of the document before Parliament.

When the sit-in host of the Morning Show Nhyira Addo asked him whether the amount for the project was approved by Parliament before the project started, the presidential staffer could not say.

He insisted however that the document put out by Akomea was not authentic.

In a twist of the tale, the General Secretary of the NDC Johnson Asiedu Nketia presented a new document from the AESL, signed by the Managing Director Louis Atongo which puts the cost of the project at 3,563,884. It is not clear whether the figure quoted is in

cedis or dollars.

However, the document suggested that an amount of 1 million cedis had been paid already for the project to be executed.

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